

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:  
Okun, et al.

Serial No.: 10/786,671

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For: Compositions, Materials Incorporating The Compositions, and Methods of Using The  
Compositions and Materials

Group Art Unit: 1754

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**DECLARATION OF CRAIG HILL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir,

I, **Craig Hill**, hereby declare that:

1) I am a named co-inventor of the above-referenced patent application. The invention embodied in the above-identified patent application is directed to compositions, materials incorporating the compositions, and methods of use thereof, for the protection and/or decontamination of contaminants.

2) I understand that the above-referenced patent application was filed on February 25, 2004 and included a claim of priority to provisional application 60/449,892, filed on February 25, 2003, and that, therefore, the effective filing date of the above-referenced patent application is February 25, 2003.

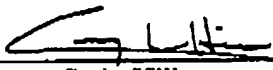
3) I am advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has rejected one or more claims presently pending in the above-identified patent application based, at least in part, upon *Okun et al.*, Journal of Molecular Catalysis A, Jan. 2003, 197, 283-290, Titled: Polyoxometalates On Cationic Silica Highly Selective And Efficient O<sub>2</sub>/Air-Based Oxidation Of 2-Chloroethyl Ethyl Sulfide At Ambient Temperature, by Nelya M. Okun, Travis M. Anderson and Craig L. Hill. I am further advised that the effective publication date of the *Okun et al.* publication is January 10, 2003 (web release

date), while the effective date of the present application is February 25, 2003. I have read both the pending Office Action from the USPTO and the *Okun et al.* reference.

4) The work described in the *Okun et al.* reference, however, is my own work and was either accomplished in my own laboratory and/or under my supervision. The co-authors of the reference not named as co-inventors on the above-referenced patent application are not inventors of the claimed subject matter.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements are made on information and belief and are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

January 25, 2007  
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